

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

I strenuously object to their abuse of their control over our airwaves. To preempt all other programming for a clearly partisan (indeed, this film is funded by groups that are decidedly anti-Kerry), unsubstantiated film is unheard of, and it is a precedent that ought not to be set.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.